

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title as follows:

-- $\beta$ -GLUCAN-CONTAINING FAT COMPOSITIONS AND OIL  
COMPOSITION AND NOVEL MICROORGANISM CAPABLE OF CAPABLE OF  
PRODUCING  $\beta$ -GLUCAN --

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 2 of page 22:

--The term "fungi" as used in the he invention is intended to include not only molds, yeast and mushrooms, but also microorganisms (inclusive of bacteria) themselves and their cells irrespective of whether they are dead or alive. --